MR. G. RAMAN MENON (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): Has the attention of Government been drawn to the fact that none of these big farms has been productive of any gain to the Government, and that they have not been financially successful?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): They were not introduced with a view to make a profit.

MR. G. RAMAN MENON (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): Has the attention of Government been drawn to the moral effect that it is likely to produce upon the agricultural population?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): These were introduced not with a view to make any profit, but with the object of educating the public.

Applications for Free Passes for Sweet Toddy.

178. **MR. C. P. TARAKAN** (*Kunnatnad*): (1) In regard to the sweet-toddy free pass, will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) how many applications for free passes for sweet-toddy were received during 1100;

(*b*) how many of them were sanctioned; and

(*c*) if any of the applications was not sanctioned, the reason for it?

(2) Has the Excise Commissioner informed the Assistant Commissioner, either by word of mouth or in writing, that no more free passes than those now granted in each circle should be given?

(3) Will the Government be pleased to order that applications for free passes should be sanctioned as far as possible?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Ag. Secretary to Government*):

(1) (*a*) 114.

(*b*) 98.

(*c*) The information required by the Member is given below:—

No. of applications rejected.	*Division.*	*Reason.*
1	Kottayam	Not stamped according to rules.
2	Arukutty	The applicants were not *bona fide* manufacturers of sweet-toddy.
2	Piravam	do.
11	Alwaye	do.

(2) No.

(3) *Bona fide* applications for tapping for sweet-toddy are usually sanctioned. No special instructions from Government are necessary.

Agricultural Loans.

179. **MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI** (*Tovala*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

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(*a*) the number of applicants for agricultural loans from the inhabitants of the taluks of Tovala and Agastisvaram during the years 1098, 1099 and 1100, respectively; and

(*b*) the total amounts asked for and the amounts given in each of the above three years?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): A statement* containing the information required by the Member is laid on the table.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): May I know whether the Government note the great disproportion between the sum actually asked for and the sum given for the Agastisvaram taluk for the year 1098?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): That depends upon the funds available for distribution of loans.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): I refer to the year 1098, because, in 1100, the remark was that no loans were given as the funds were utilised for flood relief loans.

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): Yes, it was on account of want of funds that the sum given actually fell short of the amount asked for.

Particulars re Agricultural Institutes.

180. **MR. G. RAMAN MENON** (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement showing the following particulars in regard to the educational institutions conducted by the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries :—

(*a*) the name and situation of the institution;

(*b*) the nature of the work carried on in each;

(*c*) the average annual expenditure on each for the last three years for which figures are available, including cost of supervision and expert advice, expenses for pay of teachers, labour and materials and other contingencies;

(*d*) the average annual income from each for the same three years;

(*e*) the net average annual gain or loss to the Government on each for the same three years;

(*f*) the total amount of the capital invested on each; and

(*g*) the date of starting the institution?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): A statement† containing the information is laid on the table.

Implements, live-stock, etc., purchased for the Agricultural Department.

181. **MR. G. RAMAN MENON** (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): Will the Government be pleased to place on the table a statement containing the following particulars :—

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* *Vide* Appendix VI—page 627.

† *Vide* Appendix VII—page 628.

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